

**Focus Area #2: PLACEMENT STABILITY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**  
**Quarterly Report for April, May, and June 2008**

Goal	Baseline	Process Measure	Date Due	Quarterly Progress
<b>Increase the percentage of children in foster care who experience two or fewer placements while in foster care for:</b> <b>1. Less than 12 months</b> <b>2. 12-24 months</b> <b>3. More than 24 months</b>	1. Less than 12 months - 76.9% 2. 12 to 24 months -46.2% 3. More than 24 months - 15.2%	Increase percentage of children in foster care with two or fewer placements for each length of stay period.	Quarterly	See information below.
1. With regions, evaluate regional plans for placement stability and modify as needed.		Regional plans with modifications	Sep 2009 & ongoing	Tanya Albornoz, Permanency Program Administrator, has reviewed each regional plan for stability. Some plans are currently being modified and will be re-evaluated after they have been modified. Feedback will be provided to the regions regarding their placement stability plans and how they may modify them. The Trends Analysis Committee will also be reviewing data and outcomes to measure how the plans are working.
2. Provide information and technical assistance to regional staff on placement stability.		-Child welfare update -Documentation of regional contacts	July 2008  Ongoing	<p>The program administrators have been out to all the regions to train staff on the new kinship protocol, which includes providing support and resources for our kinship placements in order to maintain the placement. Program Administrators have provided technical assistance to all regions as they have implemented this process.</p> <p>In addition, efforts have been made to work with community partners in order</p>

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				<p>to provide kinship providers with enough support to sustain kinship placements with children in custody.</p> <p>The Practice Improvement Team has been out to all regions in the state in order to assess staff's understanding regarding Long-Term View and will be creating tools in order to assist workers in understanding the Long-Term View and how it relates to placement stability and permanency for children. Tools and technical assistance will be released to staff in the next quarter.</p>
3. Assess policies and explore resources for foster parent support (such as respite care, resource family consultants, crisis response, compensation rates).		<p>-Completed reports.</p> <p>-As approved for implementation, practice guidelines and/or organizational changes implemented.</p>	Ongoing, Quarterly progress reports	<p>An RFC Summit was held on June 30, 2008 in order to identify and discuss problem areas and issues for the RFCs and to start providing consistent information to RFCs statewide. The RFC Summit will be held annually. The RFC Summit will also result in RFC supervisors meeting every two months to talk about issues and having conference calls to provide them with support every month. Respite issues were also identified at the RFC Summit, and a respite workgroup will be convened within the next quarter to start work on respite policies.</p> <p>As a result of the Congregate Care</p>

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				Workgroup recommendations, Child and Family Services is preparing a building block grant for funding for more RFCs as well as crises response for foster and kinship families.
4. Develop funding plan for increased support for foster care providers to present to Department administration and the legislature.		Funding plan complete	June 2009	Child and Family Services is currently working on a building block request to go to the legislature for the next session in order to raise foster parent rates.
5. Evaluate use of shelters for children removed from home and explore alternative options for initial placement.		Written report	June 2008	Since receipt of the report from the Congregate Care Workgroup, the Director of Child and Family Services has chartered an implementation workgroup. The first meeting of the implementation group was June 23, 2008. There are several areas within the recommendations that will require changes in practice guidelines, financial implications, education of staff, design of data system, etc.
6. Continue to coordinate with the Utah Foster Care Foundation and the Office of Licensing to increase recruitment and licensing of potential foster families, provide support, and train in division practices and need for flexibility in		Reports of recruitment levels reported at State and regional meetings with UFCF and OL	Quarterly	Foundations for Youth trainings were implemented by Child and Family Services and the Utah Foster Care Foundation in order to help both Child and Family Services staff and foster parents understand the requirements for youth 14 and older in care, especially in regards to the Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment and how it can be implemented into the youth's

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accepting diverse children.				service planning process. The curriculum also addresses the need for families that care for youth to be flexible and accept the diversity of the youth.